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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS MAY BEGIN EARLIER
THAN EXPECTED

1. SPEAKING IN SWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MAY 29, LEADING
NATIONAL PARTY MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, DIRK MUDGE, SAID
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD SOONER THAN EXPECTED,
THOUGH HE SAID HE COULD NOT ANNOUNCE A DATE.

2. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE WINDHOEK SOURCE, MUDGE'S OPTIMISM
ABOUT EARLIER CONVOCATION OF MULTIRACIAL CONSTITUTIONAL
TALKS STEMS FROM AGREEMENT BETWEEN DAMARA TRIBA COUNCIL
AND DAMARA TRIBAL EXECUTIVE TO SELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO
ATTEND TALKS. PREVIOUSLY EACH OF THE TWO CONTENDING DAMARA
ORGANIZATIONS HAD EITHER OPPOSED TALKS OUTRIGHT OR HAD
INSISTED THAT IT ALONE SHOULD REPRESENT DAMARA PEOPLE.
AGREEMENT WILL OBVIATE NEED FOR LENGTHY ELECTION PROCESS

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TO SELECT DAMARA REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSTITUTIONAL CONFER-

ENCE.

3. AS FAR AS WHITE AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED, ONLY
HEREROS REMAIN OPPOSED TO PARTICIPATION IN TALKS. SOURCE
BELIEVES A DEAL IS LIKELY BETWEEN MUDGE AND HERERO CHIEF
CLEMENS KAPUUN, WHEREBY SWA AUTHORITIES WOULD RECOGNIZE
KAPUUN AS LEADER OF ALL HEREROS. KAPUUN THEN WOULD BE
INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AS HERERO LEADER. THIS WOULD
ENABLE KAPUUN TO CEASE INSISTING THAT HE PARTICIPATE IN
TALKS AS HEAD OF NATIONAL CONVENTION.
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